

Development Authority of Lumpkin County Meeting Minutes  
February 24, 2015  
Conference Room, Lumpkin County Administration Building

Board Members in attendance: Jim Curtis, Donna Gessell, Jason Cox, Jim Higdon, JoAnne Taylor, John Gaston, Kathy Crafton, J. B. Jones,

Associate Members/Guests in attendance: Joy Edelberg, Chris Dockery

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jim Curtis at 11:01 am

Motion to approve agenda: Jim Higdon. Second: J. B. Jones. Motion carried.

Motion to approve January 20, 2015 minutes: Donna Gessell. Second: Jim Higdon. Motion carried.

Associate Members Reports:

BOC Chairman praised the county employees for job well done during the ice storm. He explained a new program developed during the BOC Retreat to establish strategic priorities. The following priorities were established with the commissioner assigned:

1. Economic Development – Doug Sherrill
2. Infrastructure and Water Authority Board – Rhett Stringer
3. Health and Public Safety – Steve Shaw
4. History and Natural Resources – Bob Pullen
5. Tourism – Chris Dockery

Chris explained that each commissioner will become more involved with their priority and report to the BOC. He noted the BOC meeting is tonight at 6pm.

Member Donna Gessell asked Chris if the BOC had established any directors or subgoals for the priorities. Chris responded that they had just identified the priorities and will begin focus later. Jim Curtis took the opportunity to thank the BOC for their support during his two terms as chairman.. Member JoAnne Taylor asked Chris for the status of the visioning project. Chris replied that project was supposed to be a chamber led project and that he planned to check into the hold up. He stated the Chamber is to be on the March agenda to speak to the BOC.

Election of Officers for 2015: Nominating committee recommended the following slate of officers: Chairman – Jim Higdon

Vice Chairman – JoAnne Taylor

Secretary – Kathy Crafton

Treasurer – Jason Cox

JoAnne Taylor noted her term has expired J. B. Jones made a motion to close the nominations. Second: Jason Cox. Slate of officers identified above was approved unanimously.

Financial Report – deferred to next month when new bookkeeping service has updated accounts.

Closing NGN Lease. Lease agreement for equipment purchased with OneGeorgia Grant has terminated as agreed. The equipment has been sold to NGN for \$1.00. Motion to approve the Bill of Sale to NGN as set out in the lease agreement and described by the supporting documentation: Jason Cox. Second: JoAnne Taylor. Motion carried.

Bond resolution for Ethan Alan Dr/Arcadia project. Attorney Edelberg informed the members that any potential conflict of interest must be disclosed. John Gaston noted he had entered a quote to do survey for the project. Joy determined that John will need to recuse himself from discussion or vote on the Bond Resolution. Joy noted the Bond document date had changed since the meeting was postponed due to inclement weather but no other terms have been changed from the documents distributed via email. The Bond Resolution ratifies all approved and signed Arcadia documents and the Form and Financing documents for the Bond. Motion to approve the bond resolution: Jim Higdon. Second: J. B. Jones. Motion carried. Jim Higdon, Aye; J. B. Jones, Aye; Joanne Taylor, Aye; Jason Cox, Aye; Donna Gessell, Aye; Kathy Crafton, Aye; John Gaston, recused himself; Wyman Walden, absent.

Norton Commission: tabled

KOYO progress report received.

Presentation to Jim Curtis by Chris Dockery thanking him for his leadership.

Other business – Jason asked about the conference held in Gainesville. Jim Curtis reported mostly a refresher course and many issues that did not pertain to DALC. Jim Curtis also noted he and Steve met with a new prospect and will be continuing recruit them.

Motion to adjourn: Jim Higdon. Second: Jason Cox. Meeting adjourned at 11:34.

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Approved